

## COMMON COUNCIL VOTES TO INVESTIGATE RATES

Passes Resolution Calling for Inquiry Into Power Company's Charges for Current.

RELIEVES PROPERTY OWNERS

Ordinance Is Passed Taking From Real Estate Men Responsibility for Delinquent Gas Bills of Tenants—Judges' Salaries Increased.

Under a suspension of the rules the Common Council, last night, passed by a unanimous vote a resolution reported from the Administrative Board, directing the City Electrician and City Attorney to appear on January 12 before the State Corporation Commission and request that body to institute a full and complete investigation of the rates and charges for electric current made in this city by the Virginia Railway and Power Company.

Such an investigation was recommended to the board last week by City Electrician Traford in a preliminary report on the advisability of the city's entering the competitive light and power business. The data that would proceed from such an inquiry, he advised the board, would materially aid the city in determining the feasibility of undertaking the enlargement of the municipal plant to supply current for commercial purposes.

According to Mr. Traford, the present rates of the company are considerably higher than they should be. The city, he said, is clearly entitled to a reduction in rates which would aggregate \$250,000 annually. The Board of Aldermen concurs in the action of the Common Council the committee from the city will on January 12 request of the Corporation Commission a thorough inquiry into the rate question.

PROPERTY OWNERS RELIEVED

FROM LIABILITY FOR GAS BILLS

The Council, by a vote of 16 to 1, passed the ordinance relieving property owners from liability for delinquent gas bills of their tenants. Councilman Rogers, of Jefferson Ward, introduced against the ordinance, expressing the belief that it will necessitate a more stringent policy in the matter of requiring deposits for gas-users and in this manner result in great inconvenience to a large number of residents.

After a debate of thirty minutes the body passed, by a vote of 11 to 6, the ordinance prohibiting unnecessary noises in the vicinity of houses of worship during the holding of services. The amended ordinance requires street cars to slow down to three miles an hour when within 100 feet of a church, except in the case of emergency. A clause applying similar restrictions to motor cars was stricken out.

SALARIES OF JUDGES

ARE INCREASED

Ordinances were passed increasing the salary of the judge of the Law and Equity Court \$500 a year; the salary of the judge of the Police Court, Part I, \$500 a year, and of the salary of the judge of the Civil Court, \$600 a year. Another ordinance that was passed authorizes the Treasurer to employ an additional clerk in his office at a salary of \$900 a year.

The Council passed unanimously the resolution recommended by the Finance Committee, appropriating \$1,750 for the payment of prizes to the winning architects in the recent municipal building competition. The first prize of \$1,000 was awarded to Carnel & Johnson; the \$500 second prize to

Herbert L. Cain, and the \$250 third prize to W. Duncan Lee.

Other measures passed last night by the Common Council follow:

Establishing the property line on the south side of Marshall Street, between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth Streets, ten feet to the north of the present line.

Closing Twenty-third Street, between Grace and Franklin Streets, for the purpose of merging this block with Taylor's Hill Park.

Changing the interest rate of the recent \$524,000 bond issue for annexation improvements, from 5 per cent to 4 1/2 per cent.

APPROPRIATION MADE

FOR JACKSON MONUMENT

Appropriating \$10,000 for the "Stonewall" Jackson monument on condition that the Jackson Monument Corporation produce proof that \$30,000 has been raised for this purpose from other sources.

Appropriating \$500 for the purchase of suitable electric light fixtures for the renovated Council chamber.

Appropriating \$101,000 for the new Bainbridge School and approving the plans for the structure. The money, an amendment provides, shall be provided in the new budget or met by bond issue as the Council may determine.

Extending the zone in which abattoirs may be maintained so as to permit the maintenance of slaughterhouses, formerly in Henrico County, which, as the result of the recent annexation, are now within the corporate limits.

Amending the ordinance with reference to the license tax on motor trucks, so as to provide a graduated tax varying with the tonnage of the trucks instead of the present \$10 flat tax.

Authorizing the Administrative

Board, with the consent of the property-owners effected, to permit the erection and maintenance on the sidewalks, of stands for the sale of local and imported produce.

CITY MAKES TEMPORARY

LOAN TO MEET DEMANDS

Authorizing the Finance Committee to negotiate temporary loans to the amount of \$250,000 to be used from time to time as needed.

Changing the name of Shenandoah Street to Hutchison Avenue.

Granting to Lee Camp Soldiers' Home free water for the fountain located on the grounds of that institution.

Councilman Linsden introduced an ordinance increasing the salary of the Justice of the Police Court to \$3,600 a year. President Peters introduced an ordinance increasing the salary of the Justice of the Civil Court to \$1,200 a year. An ordinance recommended for passage by the Ordinance Committee, redistricting the enlarged city into new school districts, was recommended for the consideration of the advisability of increasing the number of districts.

CHARGED WITH BURGLARY

Incorrigible Youngster Refuses to Give His Name to Police When Arrested.

Raymond Harris, fourteen years old, who walked out of the reception room of the Juvenile Court four months ago, after having been sentenced to the reformatory, was yesterday rearrested by the police on two warrant charging him with theft and entry with intent to commit theft. At the First Precinct Station the boy refused to give the police his name and calmly told Captain Sowell to exert himself if he wished to secure any information about him.

He was later sent to the Juvenile Detention Home, where he will be kept until the officers from the reformatory arrive to take charge of him.

Acting Police Justice Griggs, after a conference with officers of the Juvenile Court, decided to have the boy be sent to the reformatory on the old charge and indefinitely to postpone the hearing on the two charges which caused his rearrest. The boy is alleged to have robbed Henry Bruns of \$8.30 and to have broken into the store of Harry George, 23 North Seventeenth Street, with the intention of committing larceny.

DEOPPE ARRESTED

Charged With Forcing Entry Into Dwelling House in Fulton.

George Deoppe, twenty-three years old, was yesterday arrested on a warrant charging him with attempting to enter by force the residence of W. A. Wyatt, 3909 Fifth Street, Fulton, during last Saturday night. He was arrested by Policeman Smith.

The police yesterday learned that the Wyatt home had been entered several times of late, and that several members of the household decided to keep watch last night in the hope that the burglar would pay another visit. He is alleged to have done so. The men saw him enter through a downstairs window and when he was well into the house one of them suddenly turned the light full upon him. The man is said to have proved too agile for capture, however, and to have escaped. The men obtained a good view of him and later swore out the warrant for Deoppe. He will be held on the charge in Police Court today.

LABOR LAW WARRANTS.

W. H. Bowles, K. E. Burnett and M. P. Gordon, managers of local stores, were yesterday arrested by Policeman Whitlow, on warrants sworn out by E. B. Clinedinst, agent for the State Department of Labor, charging them with working female employees more than ten hours a day. The cases will be heard in Police Court this morning in connection with several others which have been postponed.

ESCAPE FROM REFORM SCHOOL.

The police were yesterday asked to assist in arresting Andrew Hodges and Clarke Housler, two white boys, who yesterday morning escaped from the Laurel Reformatory. Hodges is described as being seventeen years old, dark complexion and standing about five feet six inches in height. Housler is sixteen years old, of dark complexion and is of about the same height. He is said to weigh 125 pounds, while his companion weighs but 110.

Did Not Attend Dance.

In The Times-Dispatch of Sunday, in a letter from Boynton, it was stated that Sidney Johnson and his niece, Miss Etta Ambler, were among those attending a dance on December 30. Mr. Johnson writes that neither his niece nor himself was at the dance, owing to the extreme illness of Mrs. Thomas P. Gooden, who has been a life long friend of the family.

Charge Negroes With Stealing Coal.

Warrants for twenty-one negroes were yesterday sworn out by officials of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, who claim that the men have been stealing coal from the company's yard for several days. The police of the Second District were last night engaged in rounding up the men.

Condition Slightly Improved.

Police Justice Crutchfield was last night reported as being slightly improved. His physician, Dr. H. W. Bassett, deems it best that he should not be allowed to visit his friends but require the justice to rest for several days. It is said that it may be necessary for him to spend some time in the country before he is able to return to the Police Court bench.

## JOHN HENRY ALBERT STRUCK BY STREET CAR

Fallen to Memorial Hospital With Three Badly Broken Ribs and Many Bruises.

John Henry Albert, 1848 West Grace Street, a saloonkeeper, whose place of business is located at 825 West Broad Street, was yesterday run down and probably fatally injured by Broad and Main Street car No. 922, in charge of Motorman A. E. Thomas on Wells Broad Street, almost in front of his place of business.

The injured man was rushed to Memorial Hospital, where Dr. J. Blanton Hillsman found that he had three badly broken ribs on the left side of his body, a severe wound in the head and minor bruises. The surgeon was unable to say last night whether Albert's skull had been fractured or his lungs penetrated by the broken ribs, but was of the opinion that his patient's condition was most serious. A more thorough investigation of his injuries will be made to-day.

Albert had fallen asleep after lunch, it was stated at his home last night, and did not start for his store until after 4 o'clock. It is said that he was watching a train leave Elba Station, and failed to see the eastbound car approaching. He was struck by the fender and hurled some distance, falling to the paved street on his head and shoulder. Friends hurried to his assistance, and rushed him to Memorial Hospital with all possible speed.

Albert is fifty-four years old. Mrs. Albert was prostrated by news of the accident, and was unable to discuss it last night. Albert himself was in too serious a condition to talk of the accident.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY

William H. Shelton Alleged to Have Forged Name of A. V. Shelton to Note.

William H. Shelton was yesterday arrested on a warrant charging him with forging the name of A. V. Shelton to a note for \$200. Detectives Willy and Kellam served the warrant on the man.

According to Shelton, a man by the name of W. H. Shelton, who lived in the City Circuit Court. When the case was thrown out of court he then swore out the forgery warrant against Shelton.

Shelton claims to have been in the habit of signing checks and notes for his father, A. V. Shelton, in the name of the company and to have inadvertently failed to include the words "and company" on the note given Malcolm. The case will be heard before Justice Griggs this morning.

RED CROSS BOARD NAMED

Thomas H. McAdams Is Treasurer of Fund for Virginia.

Governor Henry C. Stuart, State president of the American Red Cross Society, has received a letter from Ernest R. Bicknell, national director of the society, notifying him of the appointment of the following members of the Virginia State Board for the year ending December 31, 1915:

Treasurer, Thomas H. McAdams; secretary, Alexander Forward; George E. Canale, Samuel Cohen, Rev. S. C. Hatcher, J. W. Hough, Robert M. Hughes, Rev. T. H. Lucy and J. Hoge Tyler.

The national director writes: "We wish to thank you for your interest in the Red Cross, and to express the hope that you will not hesitate to use the machinery of the State board in the collection and disbursement of relief funds, made necessary by the occurrence of great distress within your own State or elsewhere."

Continue Murder Case.

The case against Eddie Charity, colored, charged with murdering his sister-in-law, Fannie Charity, several nights ago, was yesterday continued until January 12 by Justice Griggs in Police Court. Policeman McGowan and Shumaker arrested the man a short time after the shooting.

JACOBS TO SUCCEED BRUMBAUGH.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., January 4.—Dr. William C. Jacobs was elected superintendent of the public schools of Philadelphia to-day to succeed Governor-Elect Martin G. Brumbaugh. The salary is \$7,500 a year. Dr. Jacobs has been assistant superintendent for nine years.

Injured Man Walks to His Home.

J. M. Eads yesterday fell from a ladder at 907 North Twenty-fourth Street, and sustained a severe injury of the head. Ambulance Surgeon Walker said last night that the injured man's skull had been fractured. However, Eads refused to allow the surgeon to take him to a hospital or to remove him to his home, on Jessamine Street, in the ambulance. The man walked and the surgeon, fearing that he would be unable to make the trip alone, walked behind him while the ambulance brought up the rear of the procession.

Charged With Stealing Clothing.

David Newman, twenty-seven years old, was last night arrested by Detective Sergeants Willy and Kellam on a charge of stealing a lot of boys' clothing and overcoats, valued at \$68, from the Sunny Jim Clothing Company, Inc. The man will be arraigned on the charge in the Police Court this morning.

Watchman Dies at His Post.

James McHain, colored, 3115 S. Street, a watchman for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company at the Hospital Street crossing, died at his post last night from hemorrhage of the lungs. The man is said to have suffered attacks of this kind quite frequently. He was dead when Ambulance Surgeon Walker arrived at the scene.

Arrested on Vagrancy Charge.

Walker Thomas, colored, was yesterday arrested by Detective Bryant and Policeman Galbraith on a charge of vagrancy. Later the officers also served a warrant on the man, charging him with the theft of \$1.10 worth of rabbits from Walker Haskins. The case will be heard in the Police Court today.

Charged With Stealing Turnips.

Ed Nash, colored, was yesterday arrested on a charge of attempting to steal a lot of turnips from W. S. Evans, of the First Market. Evans himself arrested the man, and held him until the arrival of the Police Patrol. The man will be arraigned in the Police Court this morning.

Arrested for Washington Police.

Walter Carter, colored, was yesterday arrested by Detective-Sergeants Wilshire and Bailey, as a fugitive from justice in Washington. The negro is said to have wanted there for the arrest of about \$30 from a negro woman. He will be held here pending word from the Washington authorities.

Fugitive Delivered to Officer.

James Jones, the negro arrested by Detective-Sergeants Wilshire and Bailey and Policeman Duffy on a charge of being a fugitive from justice in Blackstone, where he is wanted on a house-breaking charge, was yesterday turned over to Sergeant Sullivan, of Blackstone. The officer and his prisoner left for Blackstone last night.

## WRECK-TRAIN WRECKED

Derrick Is Overturned, and Three Men Are Believed to Be Killed.

MORGANTON, N. C., January 4.—Members of a wrecking crew, sent from Asheville late last night to clear up a freight wreck here on the Southern Railway, were buried beneath their derrick, which early this morning, in trying to hoist an oil tank car from the bottom of a fifty-foot embankment, was overturned by its load and three men are believed to have been killed. The body of Ernest Lewis was recovered about noon to-day, while Signalman Bailey and an unknown negro are reported to be still under the wreck.

Train Is Derailed.

NORFOLK, VA., January 4.—Locomotive No. 75, mail car and combination car of train No. 6, known as the Atlanta-Birmingham Special, on the Seaboard Air Line, was derailed near

Whitmire, S. C., at 8:45 o'clock to-night. The train was in charge of Conductor Meal and Engineer S. M. Shiver. The latter was slightly injured, but the fireman was seriously hurt.

WOMAN LEAPS FROM TRAIN.

AND IS FATALLY INJURED

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., January 4.—An Italian woman, traveling with her two daughters from Washington, D. C., to Tampa, Fla., leaped headlong from Atlantic Coast Line train No. 89, near Pembroke, N. C., yesterday afternoon, and was probably fatally injured. She was taken to a hospital at Florence, S. C. Officials later learned that the woman was Mrs. N. Lopermo, mother of Guiseppe Lopermo, said to be a

wealthy sponge exporter, of Tampa, Fla. With her daughters, she recently arrived in New York from Italy.

Alleged Highwayman Fined.

Tom Jones, alias Pat Jones, arraigned in Police Court yesterday on a charge of holding up T. W. Jones and robbing him of \$5.40 was yesterday fined \$10 and costs by Justice Griggs. The court and costs by Justice Griggs. The court and costs by Justice Griggs. The court and costs by Justice Griggs.

of Jones, who claimed that the man had treated him roughly before rifling his pockets. He charged Robert Masie and Robert Maier. They were dismissed when arraigned in court, and Tom Jones was fined for disorderly conduct. Detective Sergeants Willy and Kellam arrested the men.

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## To-Day and To-Night in Richmond

Academy—Belmont Bartlett's Pictures. Matinee, 3:15; night, 8 and 9:30. Bijou—Grady Scott Company in "Alvin Karpis." Matinee, 2:30; night, 8 and 9:30.

Lyrice—Popular vaudeville and pictures. Matinee, 3:15; night, 7:30 and 9:30. Strand—Jewell's drama in "Karpis." Pathé daily and comedy film; Paramount pictures; continuous performance, 12 noon to 11.

Coliseum—Wilson Luckie in photoplay, "The Big" pictures and Keystone comedy; continuous performance, 12 noon to 11.

Annual meeting Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, 324 Marshall House, 3:30 o'clock.

City Council—Committee on Finance, 4:30 o'clock, to discuss Clyde Line Wharf, and at 8 o'clock for first budget hearing.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday partly cloudy and warmer. North Carolina—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday fair, warmer.

Local Temperature Yesterday, 12 noon temperature, 53; 3 P. M. temperature, 60; 8 P. M. temperature, 62; Maximum temperature, 64; Minimum temperature, 50; Mean temperature, 56; Normal temperature, 58; Deficiency in temperature, yesterday, 4; day, 1; temperature since January 1, 1915, 14; Accumulated deficiency in temperature since January 1, 1915, 24.

Local Rainfall Yesterday, Rainfall last twenty-four hours, None. Deficiency in rainfall since March 1, 1914, 16.02; Accumulated deficiency in rainfall since January 1, 1915, 42.

Local Observations at 8 P. M. Yesterday, Temperature, 55; humidity, 85; wind, direction, east; wind velocity, 5; weather, clear.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES, (At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.) Place. Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather.

Asheville	46	48	52	Clear
Atlanta	48	48	52	Clear
Atlantic City	30	34	34	Clear
Boston	18	20	24	Clear
Buffalo	30	30	34	Clear
Calgary	18	24	34	Clear
Charleston	38	40	44	Clear
Chicago	28	34	42	Cloudy
Denver	42	48	52	Clear
Duluth	34	38	42	Cloudy
Galveston	54	56	60	Cloudy
Hatteras	40	44	48	Clear
Havana	78	80	84	Clear
Kansas City	24	28	32	Clear
Louisville	38	40	44	Clear
Montgomery	48	50	54	Clear
New Orleans	50	52	56	Clear
New York	30	32	36	Cloudy
Norfolk	34	36	40	Clear
Okla. City	38	40	44	Clear
Pittsburgh	34	36	40	Clear
Raleigh	40	42	46	Cloudy
St. Louis	30	32	36	Cloudy
San Francisco	56	58	62	Clear
Savannah	48	50	54	Cloudy
Spokane	44	46	50	Clear
Tampa	64	66	70	Clear
Washington	30	32	36	Clear
Winnipeg	24	26	30	Clear
Wynneville	50	52	56	Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC, January 5, 1915. HIGH TIDE, Sun rises, 7:27; Morning, 7:33; 11 sets, 5:56; Evening, 7:13.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY. LOBT on Mayo's Bridge or on Fourteenth Street or at Ninth and Main black hand bag. Reward if found. Madison 6618-J.